

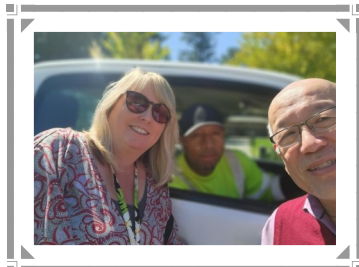


CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, August 18, 2023

City News

Tuesday, August 15th was [#CityHallSelfie](#) Day! Organized by Engaging Local Government Leaders, [#CityHallSelfie](#) Day is a celebration of public service showcasing pride in local government institutions. Every year since 2016, government employees, elected officials, members of the media, and community members have participated in the event. City of DuPont employees and council members joined in on the fun taking selfie pictures at various locations at City Hall. We are all proud to be a part of this great community!



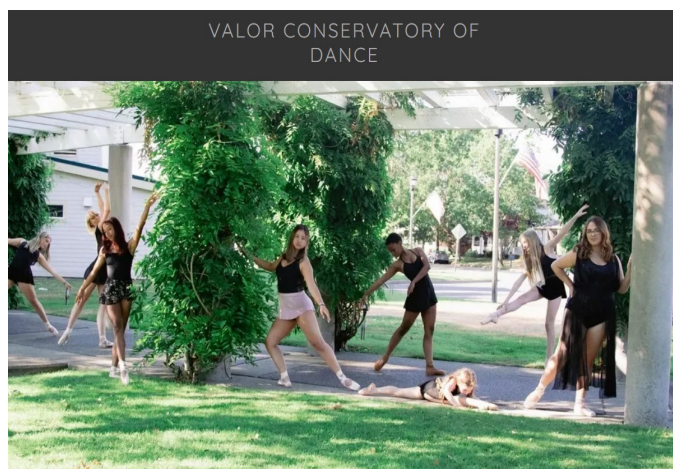
Parks and Recreation



Lunch, Movie....Action!

The monthly Senior Lunch & Movie is back after a short July intermission. Seniors are invited to attend our monthly gathering of lunch and a movie on **Tuesday, August 22**. If you are interested in attending, please watch for details on our City website the Friday before the event. Movie choices and departure time will be announced up to a week prior to the event. Pre-registration is required, and the fee to participate is just \$10, which includes lunch and a movie.

If you need help with the online registration process, please give us call, as we are here to help! Movie-goers may call Amy Walker at (253) 405-9698 with any questions. You can register and pay here:
<https://dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors>



2023/2024 Dance Classes

Registration for the 2023/2024 dance season is open with Valor School of Dance! Parks & Recreation is pleased to partner with Valor for another year of quality dance instruction for our families right here in DuPont at our Community Center in historic DuPont. Our dance program continues to grow at astonishing rates and we are expanding our programs to meet the need. Registration info can be found here:

[Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors)

DuPont Historical Museum



I-5, Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements



DuPont residents, please see the information below as it could affect travel times this summer!

The WSDOT contractor has started the geotechnical investigation for the I-5, Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements Project.

WSDOT Project overview (from website): to relieve chronic traffic congestion and improve mobility along I-5 in the vicinity of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WSDOT will rebuild the interchange of Steilacoom-DuPont Road (Exit 119) and adding HOV lanes to I-5. This will support congestion relief on I-5 during peak traffic periods while maintaining access to neighboring communities and JBLM. The new interchange includes grade separation of the roadway over the railroad. Construction is expected to begin in late summer 2023. Travelers will see shifted lanes, overnight lane and ramp closures, reduced speed limit in work zones, and potentially short and long-term ramp closures.

This project could affect your commute at times and bike routes, so please check WSDOT's website at the link below for the latest project updates. WSDOT contact information for this project can be found at the link below and then clicking on the contact tab towards the bottom of the webpage. Please be advised that a new bike route will take effect on August 1, 2023. More information will be forthcoming.

Single lane closures are scheduled on both directions of I-5 from milepost 122 to 117.9 weeknights, Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.

For more information please visit: [I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements | WSDOT \(wa.gov\)](https://www.wa.gov/transportation/roadwork/i-5-mounts-rd-to-steilacoom-dupont-rd-corridor-improvements).

Playground Equipment Update

The installation of new playground equipment in Edmonds Village Park started on August 17th. Clocktower Park is second in line with new equipment going in the week of August 21st, and the last park will be Sellers. Please be patient, as trucks and trailers will go back and forth with supplies. We don't anticipate this going on for long, though, since the project should be completed within two weeks' time.



DuPont Police Department



Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*



Total Calls for Service 08/07/23 – 08/13/23: 254

Average per day: 36.29

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 06 Citizen Assist
- 01 Community Oriented Policing
- 01 Disorderly – Verbal Altercation
- 11 Agency Assists
- 01 Domestic Violence – Verbal
- 02 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 01 Possible Found Narcotics
- 04 Suspicious Vehicles
- 93 Traffic Stops
- 01 Traffic Complaint
- 02 Threats
- 01 Unwanted Person
- 06 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 01 Residential Burglary
- 01 Fraud
- 01 Motor Vehicle Theft
- 01 Theft
- 02 Vehicle Prowls
- 01 Vandalism

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- 01 Domestic Violence - Physical

ARRESTS/REFERRALS

- 01 Domestic Violence/Assault 4th Degree - booked into jail

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- A DuPont Officer attended a neighborhood gathering in the Hoffman Hill area to address questions and concerns related to public safety.
- Speed emphases were conducted on McNeil Street and Center Drive.

REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060

If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at Police@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!





Vehicle Break-In & Theft Prevention Tips

PARK IN A WELL-LIT AREA OR GARAGE

Thieves may be deterred if they know they can easily be seen.



DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR

One way to attract a thief is to leave a purse or wallet, cell phone, military gear, laptop or other high value items in a visible area of your vehicle. Thieves are easily enticed!

REMOVE YOUR KEYS

If your key is in the vehicle, a thief can simply break a window and drive off. Never leave an unattended vehicle running.

CLOSE YOUR WINDOWS

Keep your windows closed completely. A thief can easily reach into your car through an open window.

LOCK YOUR VEHICLE

Locking your vehicle doors is an important step in deterring a thief.

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

If you're concerned about the safety of your vehicle or spot someone prowling around the area, park somewhere else if possible. Report suspicious activity immediately!

DuPont Fire Department

Response Information: The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1st of this year.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other			3
(11) Structure Fire			4
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			5
(14) Natural vegetation fire			7
(15) Outside rubbish fire			0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			2
(31) Medical assist			16
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		9	372
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		2	16
(33) Lock-In			0
(35) Extrication, rescue			0
(36) Water or ice-related rescue			2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks			5
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			1
(50) Service call, other		1	28
(51) Person in distress		1	8
(53) Smoke, odor problem			2
(54) Animal problem or rescue			1
(55) Public service assistance			24
(56) Unauthorized burning			1
(60) Good intent call, other			9
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		2	33
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found			1
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		1	10
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			1
(70) False alarm and false call, other			9
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			0
(73) System or detector malfunction		1	25
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	11
(91) Citizen complaint			1
Unknown			0
TOTALS		18	601

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	3	79
Mary Bridge	1	44
St. Clare	2	76
St. Joseph		25
St. Peters		7
Tacoma General	1	11
TOTAL	7	243

ALS	7	245
BLS	4	141

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	3	118
0800-1649	8	283
1700-2359	7	200
TOTAL	18	601

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	1	64
Monday	3	81
Tuesday	1	77
Wednesday	3	116
Thursday	2	102
Friday	2	78
Saturday	6	83
TOTAL	18	601

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received		42
DPF Provided	1	28
Multiple Calls	2	71

Safety Message

Safety with Oily Rags wet with flammable or combustible liquid



Oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes are often used for home improvement projects. It is common to use rags to wipe up spills or clean brushes. But wet rags can ignite on their own. They can start a fire if not handled carefully. The same is true of the liquids themselves.

How can rags start a fire?

The oils commonly used in oil-based paints and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air, it builds up. That is why a pile of oily rags can be dangerous. As the rags dry, the heat is trapped. The heat builds up and finally causes a fire. Be aware that this does not happen with water-based finishes.

How can liquids start a fire?

Vapors from flammable and combustible liquids can ignite, causing a fire. There are many commonly used flammable liquids. Gasoline, lacquers, and nail polish are just a few examples. There are many commonly used combustible liquids. Paint thinner, kerosene, and oil-based paints and stains are some examples.

Safety Message - Safety with Oily Rags....continued

RAGS WET WITH PAINT AND STAIN

- Never leave cleaning rags in a pile. At the end of the day, take the rags outside to dry.
- Hang the rags outside or spread them on the ground. Weigh them down. Do this so they do not blow away. Make sure they are not in a pile. Keep them away from buildings.
- Put dried rags in a metal container. Make sure the cover is tight. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution. This will break down the oils.
- Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place. Keep them out of direct sunlight. Keep them away from other heat sources. Check with your town for information on disposing of them.

LIQUIDS THAT CAN CATCH FIRE

- Flammable and combustible liquids should not be used near an open flame. Do not smoke when working with these liquids.
- If you spill liquids on your clothing, remove your clothing and place it outside to dry. Once dry, clothing can be laundered.
- Keep liquids in their original containers. Keep them tightly capped or sealed. Never store the liquids in glass containers.

GASOLINE

- Use gasoline only as motor fuel. Never use it as a cleaner. Never use it to break down grease. Never bring gasoline indoors, even in small amounts.
- Store gasoline ONLY in a container that is sold for that purpose. Make sure the container is tightly capped when not in use. NEVER store gasoline containers in a basement or in the occupied space of a building. Keep them in an outbuilding, a detached garage, or a shed outdoors.

FACTS

- ! An average of 1,700 home fires per year are caused by instances of spontaneous combustion or chemical reaction
- ! An average of 900 home fires per year are started when oily rags catch fire or are ignited.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards



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City News

MUNICIPAL POSITION OPENING!

The City of DuPont is looking for a citizen to fill a vacant position on the Planning Commission. The purpose of the Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on General Land Use, Growth Management, Long-Range Capital Improvement Plans, and Transportation Planning. For citizens interested in applying, detailed information the Planning Commission's responsibilities and meeting times can be found on the City's website at <https://www.dupontwa.gov/83/Commissions>. **The current application can be found at:** <https://www.dupontwa.gov/512/Vacancies>.

RECYCLING IN DUPONT

Recycling glass and cardboard is very easy! In the vacant lot next to City Hall, there is a large recycling station that accepts glass and cardboard. Please make sure to keep the area clean by placing all recycling materials completely inside the receptacles. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle... it's as easy as that!



Community News

ENROLL YOUR STUDENT TODAY!

Everything you need to know for Grades K-8, and where to access it, should be included here. If you haven't done so already, NOW is the time to begin the enrollment process!

For students and/or transfers to the:

[Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1](#)

ENROLL TODAY at:

<https://www2.crdc.wa-k12.net/.../WService.../skyenroll>

For more enrollment information for grades 1-12 follow this link:

<https://www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/.../enrollment...>

For KINDERGARTEN specific information find it at:

<https://www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/.../enrollm.../kindergarten>

To access the 2023-2024 District Calendar go to:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/.../2023...>

To view the District 2023-2024 BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION PACKET:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/.../2023...>

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS BY LOCATION:

Chloe Clark Elementary School

<https://cc.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/our.../school-supply-lists>

Cherrydale Primary School

<https://cd.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/our.../school-supply-lists>

Anderson Island Elementary School

<https://aie.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/our.../school-supply-lists>

Salter's Point Elementary School

<https://sp.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/our.../school-supply-lists>

Pioneer Middle School

<https://pio.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/our.../school-supply-lists>


ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY!

Did you know that Elementary School Success Conferences for Grades 1-5 as well as incoming Kindergartners have SCHEDULED Individual Family Connection Conferences beginning August 30th?

ENROLLING TODAY HELPS:

- ✓ Schools have appropriate staffing numbers to keep class size lower
- ✓ Caregivers and students know what to expect on the first day
- ✓ Caregivers and students to view their assigned teacher(s) and schedules via Skyward on August 22nd
- ✓ Transportation anticipate bus capacity and stops needed

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
Enrollment@steilacoom.k12.wa.us



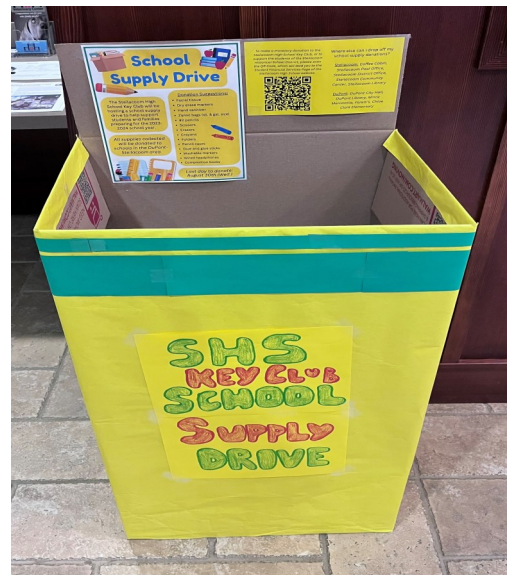
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The Chloe Clark PTA is committed to providing streamlined communication to best serve the staff, students, families, and caregivers within our community! We look forward to meeting new families and sharing in another exciting year full of fun events and fundraisers!

Send us a message to learn more about how you can help your student have an "Out of this World" school experience!!



The Steilacoom High School Key Club will be hosting a school supply drive to help support students and families preparing for the 2023-2024 school year. All supplies collected will be donated to schools in the DuPont-Steilacoom area. Supplies can be dropped off at DuPont City Hall until August 30th.



City Council and Calendars

8/22/2023 City Council Meeting Agenda Items:

- Resolution awarding a construction management contract to Gray & Osborne for the PFAS facility project.
- Study Session - ARPA Funding



Helpful Meeting Links:

- ◇ **City of DuPont Meetings** can be watched live or later at:
City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A).
- ◇ **Regular Council Meetings** can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and/or at: Pierce County TV (<https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings>).
- ◇ **Agendas**, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available at the following link: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/>.
- ◇ **Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.



Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "**Download Agenda**".



Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
8/22/2023	2:00 PM	Hearing Examiner Meeting—Patriots Landing Village Master Plan
8/22/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
8/28/2023	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting
9/4/2023		Labor Day, City Hall - CLOSED
9/4/2023	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting - CANCELED (rescheduled to 9/12/2023)
9/11/2023	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
9/11/2023	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
9/12/2023	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
9/12/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
9/12/2023	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting (Joint meeting with City Council)
9/26/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
8/22/2023	Senior Lunch & Movie	https://dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors
8/26/2023	DuPont Library - Paint Wood Cars	https://www.dupontwa.gov/553/Kids
8/27, 9/24	Board Game Day	DuPont History Museum Events (dupontmuseum.com)